

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** treatment and recovery improve the community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance use and mental disorders and their family and friends; and
- WHEREAS,** resources exist online and in our region to increase people's awareness about how substance use and mental disorders affect children, families, and our society; and
- WHEREAS,** such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** it is critical to educate our policymakers, friends and family members, health care providers, and businesses that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and
- WHEREAS,** to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and local treatment organizations in our region invite all residents of Issaquah to participate in the 22nd Anniversary of National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover (Recovery Month);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ava Frisinger, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim the **month of September 2011** to be

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

in the City of Issaquah, and call upon the people of Issaquah to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone.*"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



  
Ava Frisinger, Mayor